

# THE OREGON MIST.

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## MORE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS NEEDED.

Columbia county, financially, is in fully as good circumstances as most of the counties of the state, in fact in far better condition than a great many others; yet we are greatly in need of roads and bridges through the interior—ways by which the farmers can reach a market with their produce, and by which new settlers may reach their claims—not by means of a pack-horse—by good wagon thoroughfares, with good substantial bridges across the creeks and swamps. This is what Columbia county is most in need of, and her growth will be slow until this requirement is adhered to. Very true, those of our people who live along the river front do not feel the necessity of roads and bridges so keenly; but when we take into consideration that a town without some means of support behind it cannot meet with much success, we cannot help yielding to the demands of the interior to a certain degree. The prosperity of any non-manufacturing section of country depends principally upon the farmer. What supports the river front; is it self-supporting? Not by any means. Then does it not follow that what benefits one section, alike benefits the other? Good highways are the best indication of prosperity. This county has thousands of acres of good land which will, in time, with some encouragement in road matters, be made permanent homes for hundreds of people who are coming here from the East in search of government land, and, of course, will settle up the localities where there are the most favorable opportunities offered first. It does not make a good showing for a county to have a large bank account and at the same time hear people suffering for want of public highways and public institutions. Therefore, we think that instead of striving so hard to create a surplus in the treasury we should, for the purposes above mentioned, carry a little larger indebtedness, if necessary, and extend these public improvements, thereby encouraging an agricultural class of immigration, making more population, more taxable property, and consequently decreasing the rate of taxation in the end. We want to reach out for the home-seekers; offer them encouragement in every possible manner, and in the near future the profit on the investment will have no parallel.

## NON-RESIDENT REAL ESTATE.

The non-resident, heretofore non-taxable, real estate in Columbia county, as shown by the abstract just completed by Moore & Cole, show 34,000 acres of land within this county that never has been assessed, consequently has never paid one cent of taxes. Take this 34,000 acres, say at a valuation of \$250 per acre, which is a very low estimate, for some of this non-resident land is claimed to be worth as high as \$6, \$8 and some as high as \$10 per acre. But for instance we place the uniform value of \$250 per acre on the whole, 34,000 acres would be assessed at \$8,500,000. The tax levy last year was 25 mills, this multiplied by \$8,500,000 equals \$212,500 due the county in taxes had this property been in shape so that the assessor could have described it. The people have complained of high taxes, and yet this vast amount of land, owned principally by non-resident speculators, has gone untaxed and unclaimed since the county was first organized. The owners of this land have never had their titles recorded on the county records, hence the only remedy was to have a complete county abstract made giving the description of all the land not on record in the clerk's office. This has been done, and the present county court deserve the highest commendation for the course they have taken in securing for the county a means by which in the future these speculators can be compelled to pay this tax. The cost to the county of preparing the abstract is about \$1200, which sum will a great deal more than be received the first year. This is as it should be, and in the future Columbia county will be in line with the procession of other prosperous counties of this state, and the heretofore untaxed real estate held by speculators will be advertised and sold to pay the taxes thereon as soon as such become delinquent.

This is the year of our Lord 1891, and people are wont to talk about our wonderful civilization and culture, and yet it was but the other day that an admission fee of 25 cents a head was charged by the officials of a North Carolina jail to see two colored prisoners given thirty-nine lashes on their bare backs, and, if the newspaper accounts are to be believed, the gate money was sufficient to pay all expenses of the exhibition. We are at a loss for a proper name for a man who will pay to see such a punishment inflicted upon another man.

The New York democrats in convention Wednesday nominated Roswell P. Flower for governor, and the republicans of Massachusetts nominated Charles H. Allen.

# COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the September Term, 1891.

County court convened on Wednesday, September 9, 1891, Judge Switzer and Commissioners Barnes and Spencer present. The following business was transacted:

In the matter of the wood flume owned by I. G. Wixtrom, across the Portland and St. Helens county road; ordered that the said Wixtrom grade up the road to the bridge crossing said flume, making a good and even grade of the same, and also that the said Wixtrom cover up the said flume on each side of the bridge the width of the county road, the same to be done within thirty days from date of notice subject to the acceptance and approval of the county judge.

In the matter of the official bond of W. A. Meeker, county sheriff, and E. E. Quick, county clerk; Ole Bohman, one of the bondsmen on the official bond of the county sheriff and county clerk, has asked permission to withdraw from the bonds of the above-named county officers for the reason that he the said Ole Bohman is compelled to visit his native land, Germany, on business of a private nature and desires to close up and shape his affairs before leaving the state, and it appearing to the court that the said sheriff and clerk had filed new bonds of good and sufficient bondsmen, and that said respective bonds were ample and complete as by law required, it is therefore ordered by the court that said bonds of the sheriff and clerk be accepted and approved.

In the matter of the petition of E. C. Simons and others for the establishment of a county road commencing at a stake marked "A" on section line between sections 2 and 3 on Cedar Landing road 3 1/2 rods north of section corners 2, 3, 10 and 11, in tp 6 n, r 3 w, Columbia county, Or., and terminating at a stake marked "O" on what is known as the Nicolai road; viewers, Phillip Young, J. C. Kelbey and R. Reichardt; surveyor, A. B. Little, to meet at the residence of D. M. Dorsey on September 22, 1891, to make a report to the county court on the first Monday in November.

In the matter of the viewers' report on the West road near Scappoose station, a bill of damages having been filed by J. R. Watts in the sum of \$1225 against the granting of said road it was ordered by the court that S. A. Miles, Josiah Koukle and Lindley Meeker be, and are hereby appointed appraisers to assess the damages, if any there be, on said proposed road, and that they meet on the 26th day of September, 1891, at Watts' store, and that they make their report in writing to this court on or before the first Monday in November, 1891.

In the matter of the establishment of a county road known as the Pittsburg and Vernonia road, commencing at a stake marked "R" set in the county road about 75 feet east from the east end of the Pittsburg bridge in section 23, tp 5 n, r 4 w; thence up the east side of the Nehalem river to section 34 to section line in section 3, tp 4 n, r 4 w; thence west on said line across the Nehalem river to and terminating at a stake set in the county road near Vernonia, said stake being the northwest corner of D. F. Baker's land.

In the matter of the road petitioned for by O. J. Bryant and others, beginning at the one-mile stake on the county road to Clatskanie, in section 9, tp 7 n, r 4 w; thence easterly to donation land claim lines of Hill and Hastings; thence southeasterly to and terminating at a post marked "R," situated 1/2 mile of quarter stake on section line of sections 21 and 22, tp 7 n, r 4 w; the court being fully satisfied that the establishment of such road would be of public utility, it was ordered that the said report of the viewers and surveyor be recorded and from henceforth the said route so viewed out, marked and located shall be a county road, and shall be considered a public highway and the supervisor of the road district in which said road is established is hereby ordered to open the same.

In the matter of the transcripts and cost bills in the case of the state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen, and state of

Oregon vs. W. S. Drew; M. Burlingame, justice of the peace of Union precinct, Columbia county, Oregon, filed with the clerk transcript and cost bills in the above entitled matter, and it appearing to the court that said transcript and cost bill is duly certified to by said justice of the peace as by law required, it is ordered that said cost bills be allowed and that the clerk draw warrants on the county treasurer for the several amounts named, and in favor of the several persons therein named.

In the matter of the establishment and determination of the amount of money to be raised in Columbia county, Oregon for county purposes and the levy of other taxes for the year 1891 and 1892; it was found by the court that it was necessary to raise \$15,000 for county purposes for 1891 and 1892. It was therefore ordered and adjudged by the court that a tax of 15 mills on the dollar be levied on all the assessable property in Columbia county, Oregon for county purposes, and a like levy of 5 mills on the dollar for school tax and one-seventh of a mill on the dollar for university tax, and one-fifth of a mill on the dollar for military tax, and an amount hereafter to be determined by the state officers of the state of Oregon as state tax to cover the current expenses of the state and the same is hereby ordered to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes are collected.

In the matter of the remission of double assessments for the year 1891; it appearing to the court that the following double assessments appear upon the assessment roll of Columbia county, Oregon for the year 1891, and that all of said lands have been properly assessed to the rightful owners; it is now considered and ordered by the court that the following amounts be and the same are hereby stricken from the said assessment roll, to-wit:

J. Youngnickel	\$ 400
Melki Johnson	450
W. S. Chapman	1250
M. Marden	400
T. Pomeroy	400
J. G. Orsdel	400
N. N. M. Night	400
Thomas and W. D. Connell	400
James Muckle	400
Hewitt Investment Co.	800
J. K. Mills	400
T. G. Hammond	400
S. Reids	400
W. L. Burton	400
Wm. Borden	400
Francis Clarno	400
S. Madison	400
H. Crawford	480
E. Moore	200
I. C. Griffin	500
K. Sheldon	400
Peter Weiss	400
P. Hearse	400
Total	\$10,385

BILLS ALLOWED—SEPTEMBER TERM	
Dennis, P. M. sheriff fees, state of Oregon vs. Henry Huber	\$ 13 65
Dolan, N. E. teachers, public examination	9 00
Watts, J. G. teachers' public examination	9 00
Stine, J. H. county printing	11 75
Barr, Wm. viewer on Bryant road	2 40
Rice, Dan, viewer on Bryant road	2 40
Edgerton, W. A. viewer on Bryant road	2 40
Agnew, J. B. extra work on contract of Beaver slough branch	103 00
Quick, E. K. county clerk, fees	124 45
Howard, H. O. planking road in road district No. 4	40 00
Meston & Dygert, binding plat book	17 00
Donn, H. H. as assistant on assessment roll	48 00
Moore & Cole, preparing abstract of lands and town lots for assessment roll	1200 00
Burlingame, Martin, justice of the peace, fees, state of Oregon vs. W. S. Drew	4 75
Doan, C. F. fees as county assessor	148 25
Beeble, J. R. county printing	10 75
Moore & Cole, drafting plats and index books	105 10
Kelley, George, wood, court house	22 00
Frantz, John, wood, court house	9 00
West, O. J. Dr. examination of E. Peterson, insane	5 00
Little, A. B. fees, county surveyor	83 00
Banzor, L. F. lumber furnished road district No. 8	65 03
Wilson, C. C. lumber furnished road district No. 8	126 40

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Johns, Frances, indexing circuit court journal	47 15
Little, A. B. fees, county surveyor	64 00
Moore & Cole, services for examination of J. A. Freeman, insane	0 00
Barnes, G. W. commissioner's fees and mileage	42 70
Spencer, Israel, commissioner's fees and mileage	39 00
Shaver, J. W. fare on steamer for Mrs. Stoten and Delaney	6 00
Cliff, H. R. medical attendance on J. A. Freeman, insane	5 00
Switzer, D. J. for abstracts from state land office	80
Parker, John, bounty on scalps of wild animals	2 00
Kerr, John F. bounty on scalps of wild animals	8 00
Haines, S. G. bounty on scalps of wild animals	2 00
McKay, "Hille," bounty on scalps of wild animals	2 00
Washburn, C. S. bounty on scalps of wild animals	2 00
Burlingame, M. justice of the peace fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	5 25
Dresser, A. S. district attorney, fees, State of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	14 00
Watts, J. G. witness fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
Drew, W. S. witness fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
Armstrong, L. witnesses fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
Freeman, Wm. witness fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
McKay, N. H. witness fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
Lamberson, Ed. witness fees, state of Oregon vs. A. H. Larsen	3 10
Dresser, A. S. attorney fee, state of Oregon vs. W. S. Drew	5 00
Meeker, W. A. fees as sheriff	182 10
Blakesley, A. H. board and lodging prisoners	12 00
Dresser, A. S. attorney fee before county court	10 00

## OREGON WEATHER BUREAU.

The following is the report for the week ending, Saturday, September 12, 1891:

WESTERN OREGON.  
Weather—The temperature has been lower, yet above the average. The atmosphere has been clearer of smoke, the weather has been partly cloudy and local showers prevailed during the latter part of the week.

Crops—The showers have done no material damage, they have delayed some late threshing, and somewhat retarded hop picking in a few sections. The threshing of grain is practically over, only a few small lots yet remain to be threshed. The wheat is being delivered to warehouses and elevators. The wheat product was never better, the berry is of the first grade, the yield has been heavy, generally more than was anticipated. Large yields are reported from every county. In Washington county for example, one farm yielded 46 bushels per acre, another 54 bushels per acre. Saut is more generally reported than usually, though it is not this year so very extensive, spring wheat is more affected than fall wheat. The oat crop has been good but not as proportionately good as the wheat crop. Hop picking will be about finished next week, unless the recent rains should delay the pickers more than is now expected. The hops of Douglas county were supposed to be free from lice and moults, but on picking, some yards are found to be badly damaged. No lice are observable in Josephine county. It is estimated that lice and moults have damaged the hop crop to the extent of \$300,000. In Jackson and Josephine counties corn is ripe of good quality and yield. Summer following is in process in many of the Willamette valley counties.

EASTERN OREGON.  
Weather—A few showers have occurred. The temperature has been cooler and about the average. There has been less smoke in the atmosphere. In the interior counties, on the higher elevations frost occurred.  
Crops—The showers did no damage. Threshing is in progress in some sections, and in some counties it is nearly done. In Wasco and in parts of Sherman counties the wheat is more shrunken than in the other counties. Yields of forty bushels and upwards are frequent in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties; in the latter county, in Baker, Walla and interior counties, the wheat is threshing as well along. Reports indicate yields above the average and above the expectations of the farmers in every county. The wheat has been good, and the crop is plentiful. Fruit continues plentiful. Grapes are ripe in many localities.

B. S. PAGUE, Observer.

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WILLIAM DOWD,

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